1	2	3	4	5	6	7
USA	30	0.95	0.00	0.00	800.00	35.35
Canada	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.48	0.00	0.00
UAE	0.00	0.00	144.90	10.49	312.09	18.71
UK	0.00	0.00	24.41	10.75	8.00	0.36
Yemen Rep.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	20.32
Bahrain	0.00	0 00	0.00	0.00	41.41	2.00
Seychelles	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	216.00	18.20
Norway	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.00	0.23
Japan	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.00	0.11
Denmark	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	8.66
Germany	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	630.00	20.20
Kuwait	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.52	0.17
Unspecified	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1200.00	51.05
TOTAL:	8182.28	328.30	24365.13	1182.37	67739.87	2778.65

(Source: NAFED)

Corruption in Labour Unions of FCI

†1635. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a lot of corruption in different States in becoming a member of the Labour Unions of Food Corporation of India particularly in the State of Punjab, where any labourer can become a member of Union by paying one lakh rupees and also that office bearers of these Labour Unions belong to mafia and are of criminal nature who have been occupying these posts for years together;

(b) if so, whether the top official of the Food Corporation of India are aware of such large scale corruption prevalent in Labour Unions; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken by Government to remove corruption and crime as above?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) The Labour Unions have got legal sanctity under the Trade Union Act. The Members and office bearers of the Labour Unions are bound to function within the framework of rules registered under Trade Union Act. The irregularities committed by them in the functioning of the Union of financial or other matters make them liable for penal action under the provisions of the Trade Union Act or other law of the land.

The collection of membership subscription and admission of a member is within the purview of the Labour Unions. It is the responsibility of the office bearers of the Labour Unions to function within the framework of the registered rules of the Labour Union. The action for irregularities lies with the appropriate authority under the law.

(b) Does not arise, in view of reply to part (a) above.

(c) Action is taken as per law.

Foodgrain procurement and exports by FCI

1636. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of foodgrain procured by the FCI during the last three years and the amount of subsidy paid by Government; and

(b) the quantity of foodgrains exported by the FCI during 2001—2004, the countries to which exported and the foreign exchange earned from such exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) The quantity of foodgrains procured by FCI during 2001-02 to 2003-04 and subsidy paid by the Government during the same period is as under:—

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Procurement of Foodgrains (in lakh MT)	162.59	116.78	145.21
Subsidy released to Food Corporation of India and State Agencies (In Rs. Crores)	17494.00	24176.45	25160.00